

I am opposed to deregulating ownership of the mass media. From what I have read, the FCC has not released the exact wording of the new rules up for a vote on June 2, and if that is indeed the case, it is a grave disservice to the American people and an irresponsible, perhaps even one could say devious, action on the part of the FCC. This matter speaks to the heart of the First Amendment and should be a subject for widespread public debate, not a decision by a mere 5 people. The situation that not a lot of press has been given to this vote is not indicative of its relative unimportance, but rather a point showing why we need wider perspectives in the mass media. The companies running most of the TV, radio and newspapers stand to benefit from the proposed rule changes and therefore have not encouraged a closer look at them by the public. I URGE THE COMMISSION AND CHAIRMAN POWELL TO DO THE RIGHT THING AND POSTPONE THE JUNE 2 VOTE UNTIL WE CAN HAVE WIDESPREAD CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC DEBATE ON THIS IMPORTANT MATTER!